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Fun and Serious=12-9-23

††† *Jesus Mary Joseph* ††† **Humor for today** ††† *Jesus Mary Joseph* †††

Always put your brain in gear before putting your mouth into action.

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SIGN IN A RESTAURANT: “Do not complain if our coffee tastes like mud. It was just ground this morning.”

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Q. What did the pop star do when he locked himself out? A. He sang until he found the right key!

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Q. What is the color of the wind? A. Blew.

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Q. What’s a shark’s favorite sandwich? A. Peanut butter and jellyfish!

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Have you heard the story of the magic sandwich? Never mind, it’s just a bunch of bologna.

††† *Jesus Mary Joseph* †††

Q: What do you get when you cross a fish and an elephant? A: Swimming trunks.

††† *Jesus Mary Joseph* †††

Q: Why did the can crusher quit his job? A: Because it was soda pressing.

†††JM††† **This is Serious** †††JM†††

You can find sermons for the second Sunday of Advent using this hyperlink, <https://jmjsite.com/second%20of%20advent.html>

The last part of the gospel for the second Sunday of Advent: “*And when they went their way, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: What went you out into the desert to see? a reed shaken with the wind? But what went you out to see? a man clothed in soft garments? Behold they that are clothed in soft garments, are in the houses of kings. But what went you out to see? a prophet? yea I tell you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written: Behold I send my angel before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.*” (Matthew 11:7 - 10)

“*A reed shaken with the wind?*” Jesus asked them. Do you expect to find a reed in the desert? Are they not found around marshy ponds with a lot of water? “*A man clothed in soft garments?* The people with whom Jesus was speaking certainly knew that St. John the Baptist was not lounging around, clothed in soft garments, in the houses of kings. “*And John was clothed with camel’s hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and he ate locusts and wild honey.* (Mark 1:6). You might think of Jesus saying to those people, “**Come on, friend, talk me some sense.**”

Would not Jesus be saying the same thing to us, considering how foolish we are sometimes in the things we say and do? Everyone’s degree of eternal glory depends upon how much sanctifying grace they have when they die. One of the main ways to increase in sanctifying grace nowadays is with prayer, alms deeds, and good works. However, what do we see in the lives of most people? Is their daily life and the way they spend each day a prayer? By no means! “**Come on, friend, talk me some sense.**” What are you doing? Instead of spending your life as a prayer, you spend your life chasing the wicked old world!

Some think that one religion is as good as another. “**Come on, friend, talk me some sense.**” If God founded one religion to teach the truth, all other religions must be false.

Is God pleased with the “French” words and the language many people use? “**Come on, friend, talk me some sense.**” “*But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall render an account for it in the day of judgment.*” (Matthew 12:36)

Think of a man and woman who are not married but are only living together in a house with a great big sliding glass door. They consent to give into temptation and once again commit sins of the flesh. Outside are

their parents, the parish priest, and their best friends looking at them through the open door. So, what do they do? They simply walk over, slide the glass door shut, and then say to themselves, “Now, nobody can see us.” **“Come on, friend, talk me some sense.”** Have we forgotten one of the main reasons for the General Judgment? On that day, every human being born from the time of Adam until the last baby brought into this world, will see everything we have done every day of our life! Yes, think about that every day! Our words, actions, and thoughts will be made known to all other human beings! **“Come on, friend, talk me some sense.”** Why do we live as if nobody will know what we do? The day will come when everyone will know everything we stole and if we made restitution. If we have it in our power to make restitution and do not do so, Father Hunolt explains in one of his sermons that we will not be saved. Not only does Almighty God already know, but everybody will know on the day of General Judgment! If we only thought of that very frequently every day, would we live the way we actually do?

I have not turned on a television for many decades, and now I do not know the name of even one professional football player. Nevertheless, I have seen parts of games on other people’s televisions, in the past. Now, consider what you see frequently during a football game on the television. If someone makes a fantastic play, it is almost immediately replayed from various angles. What will happen the moment we die? Our entire life will be immediately replayed. God will show us every word we ever spoke, every thought we have had, and everything we did. We will again know all of the temptations God permitted us to have for our greater honor and glory, and if we resisted them. At that moment, we will see that God gave us sufficient grace to save our souls! *Let no temptation take hold on you, but such as is human. And God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that which you are able: but will make also with temptation issue, that you may be able to bear it.* (1 Corinthians 10:13). Nevertheless, most souls will be damned! *Enter ye in at the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there are who go in thereat. How narrow is the gate, and strait is the way that leadeth to life: and few there are that find it!* (Matthew 7:13, 14)

“Come on, friend, talk me some sense.” Why do we live the way we live, not the way God wants us to live?

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